

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Higher Education in Remote Areas
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to encourage higher education in hilly areas of the country including remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the programmes launched by the Government to promote higher education in border areas, rural and hilly areas; and
- (d) the details of funds provided for the purpose during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (d): The Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) during the XIth Plan with the aim of promoting access, equity and quality. The focus of the scheme is on serving the unserved and underserved areas with low access to higher education by setting up quality higher educational institutions and upgrading existing ones.
Under RUSA, Special Category States such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and North Eastern States are funded in the Central share: State Share ratio of 90:10%, other States at 60:40 and Union Territories at 100%. Details of Central share released under RUSA are annexed.
